



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF COACHELLA VALLEY

## *Be in the Know*



October 11, 2022

Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Supporters,

Summer at the Clubs was a lot about loading up on **Education, Experience, and Exposure!** The Clubs were very busy with a full-day of special programs that worked the mind, body and soul. Thanks to the many who supported our **SummerCampaign for Kids** campaign! Fifty kids attended summer camp – many for the very first time! One mom wrote to thank us for her daughter’s life-changing experience, claiming that her daughter was still singing songs she learned around the campfire, and that she was still raving that “camp food was waaaaaay better” than what she ate at home! Kids. You gotta love ‘em!



**Scarlett Castro, age 10, won first prize for reading the most books and received a loud round of applause when called up to the stage to receive her certificate.**

A three-decades long La Quinta Club program, **The Top 50 Readers** held its annual awards luncheon in August.

The purpose of this summer program is to reduce learning loss by encouraging youth to read during the summer.

Studies have shown it is critical for children to continue to stay engaged in educational activities during this time.

During these upcoming months, Club staff will focus implementing mind-bending programs like:

- **MyFuture** — prepares kids to compete in the global job market with 21st Century skills: critical thinking, communication, collaboration, innovation, leadership mindset, and being a global citizen.
- **Healthy Habits** — empowers kids to develop skills, confidence, and motivation to make nutrition choices that support an overall healthy lifestyle by participating in sports leagues that teach them the rules, regulations and the importance of good sportsmanship and teamwork.
- **Power Hour** — provides Club members with much needed homework help, interactive learning experiences, one-on-one academic support, and tools that promote self-learning.
- **diplomas2Degrees (d2D)** – contributes

to students’ desire to achieve their academic and career goals as they work toward high school graduation and prepare for post-secondary education and career success.



We just wrapped up the **57th annual Southwestern Growers Golf Tournament** (SWG) which many of you are linked to as either a car raffle ticket buyer, a player or generous sponsor! This year's tournament at Bermuda Dunes Country Club was sold out before invites could be printed! The lucky car raffle winners of the 2023 Corvette from Jessup Auto Plaza are **John and Sara Buttemiller** from Palm Desert. The winners of this year's tournament are **Matt Jiggins** and **Mike Walton**, both SWG Tournament Committee members. The *Friend of the Southwestern Golf Tournament Award* went to Tony Bianco in appreciation of his 36 years serving on the Tournament Committee and selling hundreds of car raffle tickets over the years as well as playing/winning his golf flight many times! What started as a non-charity event in 1966 for local farmers to mingle on the course, is now a significant fundraiser for our Club kids.



**Car raffle winner and first time SWG player John Buttemiller and Car Raffle Sponsor Dan Jessup/Jessup Auto Plaza at the Don Roberts, Sr. Car Drawing.**

Our next event is... you guessed it! The annual **Grand Auction!** Our 13-time champion Auction Chair Extraordinaire **Sandy Taylor** wants you to **Save This Date— Saturday, March 11, 2023** at the beautiful Hyatt Resort & Spa Indian Wells.

I close with poignant words from our former and late CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Roxanne Spillet. Her message about our mission to not only save but enhance our Club members' lives is what our staff works hard to do every single day. Your care and concern helps instill Roxanne's insightful quote...

**Thank you and best always,**

**Quinton Egson  
President & CEO  
40 Years of Service**

*"It is no longer enough to teach our children to learn without teaching them to care about their fellow Club members and classmates, about their families and communities, about America and the world. It is not enough to succeed without inspiring them to reach back and take someone with them."*

*Roxanne Spillet  
First Female President & CEO,  
BGCA*

### **A word from our Board Chair, Lee Osborne...**

"Back to school" has been front and center since July. Many community partners assisted Club members with back packs filled with school supplies. A BIG shout out to **SunLine Transit Agency's Pack the Bus** event. The goal to fill 500 back packs was exceeded with an outpouring of folks who braved wicked summer heat to fill over 700! As this organization's board Chair and a CPA, I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't: (1) thank our dedicated **Board of Directors**; (2) thank **ALL YOU DONORS**; and (3) encourage you to **think of Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley when making your next charitable and year-end gift(s) and when planning your estate giving**. Since its early beginnings, my firm has continuously supported Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley for over 55 years and we're darn proud of it!



**Yours truly on the left with Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley President & CEO, Quinton Egson.**